



Martin O'Malley, Governor
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Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission
October 9, 2012
Tawes State Office Building
C-1 Conference Room
Annapolis, MD 21401
2-5 PM

Preliminary Agenda*

2:00-2:05 Welcome and Announcements - Marty Gary, MD DNR Fisheries Service

2:05-2:20 "Fisheries Service response to Chairman Gracie's request for information to address concerns expressed by some SFAC members' that Fisheries Service has not been responsive to SFAC requests" – Gina Hunt, Deputy Director, MD DNR Fisheries Service

Purpose: To better understand the specific areas where members of the SFAC believe Fisheries Service has not provided timely responses, and provide the SFAC with an overview of Fisheries Services' current work load that is requiring a greater level of prioritization. (Handout Pending)

2:20-2:30 Regulatory Update – Sarah Widman, MD DNR Fisheries Service (Handout)

Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on proposed and pending regulations

2:30-2:40 NRP Activity Report – Cpl. Beth Mauck, MD DNR NRP (Handout)

Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on recent NRP enforcement activities

2:40-2:55 DNR Press Release Policy – Requested by Commissioner Dave Smith

Desired Outcome: Questions and discussion of the process for determining how recreational fishing violations are integrated into DNR Press releases

2:55-3:10 Discussion of language barriers to enforcement of Maryland's recreational fishing laws and regulations – Request by Commissioner Sikorski

Desired Outcome: Discussion of magnitude of language barriers as a potential impediment to enforcement of Maryland's recreational fishery laws and regulations as they pertain to recreational accountability. Input from DNR NRP on scope and current position on addressing language barriers. Input from Fisheries Service on what outreach is being conducted to address language barrier issues

3:10-3:30 Inland Fisheries Update – Don Cosden, MD DNR Fisheries Service

Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on current inland fisheries management issues

3:30-4:30 Estuarine Fisheries Update

- ASMFC Preview – Mike Luisi, MD DNR Fisheries Service Mid Atlantic Council Preview – Mike Luisi,

MD DNR Fisheries Service

- Pound Net Management Update – Mike Luisi, MD DNR Fisheries Service at the request of Commissioner White

Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on Fisheries Service actions pertaining to white paper on pound nets in spawning rivers

- Status of Spotted Sea Trout Management – Mike Luisi, MD DNR Fisheries Service at the request of Commissioner Sikorski (Handouts)

Desired Outcome: Discussion of observations of Maryland's recreational spotted sea trout fishery and DNR input on the current status of the spotted sea trout stock in Maryland and coast wide

4:30-4:40 FY2012 Annual Budget Report (Handout Pending) – Gina Hunt, Deputy Director, MD DNR Fisheries Service

Desired Outcome: Opportunity for SFAC members to ask questions regarding the FY2012 Budget Report

4:40-4:45 2013 Meeting Schedule – Martin Gary, MD DNR Fisheries Service

Desired outcome: Establish meeting dates for 2013 as follows:

- ☐ February 5, 2013 (2-5 PM @ Tawes Building in Annapolis, MD)
- ☐ May 14, 2013 (2-5 PM @ Tawes Building in Annapolis, MD)
- ☐ July 23, 2013 (3-6 PM @ Tawes Building in Annapolis, MD)
- ☐ October 1, 2013 (2-5 PM @ Tawes Building in Annapolis, MD)

4:45-5:00 **Public Comment

5:00 PM Adjourn

Next Meeting - Tuesday, February 5, 2013, from 2-5 PM in the Tawes State Office Building

*The Preliminary agenda is subject to change

**Public comment as time allows

Handouts: Agenda, DNR Fisheries Service Activity Summary, NRP Activity Update, Fisheries Regulatory Update, Spotted Sea Trout FMP, FY 2012 MD DNR Fisheries Service Budget Report